

PRELIMINARY CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT OF NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH PERSONALITIES:

. . . lots of activities right there at the meeting at El Reno. So the Comanche got offended, and just because of that, the next election they discontinued the service of this Kiowa. Mostly for making that opening criticism of the Comanche friend. So then of course, the Apaches--you just might say they're just orphans--in the manner of tribal affiliations. Now they're trying to affiliate with the Comanches. They've been known as the Kiowa-Apaches for years, but they never want to be called that. They always want to be known as the Arapaho-Apache. But because of their affiliations since they left us here--they were known as Kiowa-Apaches. Well, Apache Ben never did like that term. So when their constitution--their organization --broke up, the Apaches didn't know where they belonged. Now that the Comanches reorganized according to our Arapaho-Cheyenne Constitution and By-Laws. Now the Apaches want to affiliate with them. "No," they say. "You're Kiowa-Apaches." Well, they said, "They. . . we want to go along with you folks." They said, "We'll study that." Up to now I don't know how that's been worked out. Whether the Comanches have adopted them and took 'em in or they're still at large, you might say. So those are the problems that disrupt their unity.

(Do you remember who that Kiowa was that criticized Earnest?)

His name is Jasper Sankedoty.

(Why did he criticize him? Do you remember why?)

Well, you know, periodically the head of the Native American Church and their staff, by reasons of necessity, for necessary purposes, they send out work through their secretary that all chapters raise, say ten dollars to send into the center. And I think that's one reason why the Comanches couldn't enough of 'em get together to get the ten dollars. Whatever it was--it was either that Earnest Mikoby had to put up the ten dollars himself, individually--or maybe he got helped some--but anyhow that was the basis of how that thing started. Anyway, Ernest, he was one of the officers at that time--Ernest Mikoby. And Jasper was Chairman. Fred, I think-- Fred Hoffman--was one of the officers. And when the next election came, they made that change. Then again, since that time, there's one Omaha Indian that lives at